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Dear Staff and School Community:

We would like to inform you that we have recently received information of two additional confirmed positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) of students at MCOB Elementary School. The students that are positive for COVID-19 were last on campus on Friday, December 4th. *Studetns and Staff that had close contact with the confirmed case are in the process of being contacted by school personnel, if you are not contacted you are not determined to have been a close contact.*

Due to the number of staff members and students identified through contact tracing and reaquired to quarantine we have made the difficult decision to move to **virtual learning for the remainder of 1**st **semester ending on December 18**th. We hope to return to in-person learning on Monday, January 4th but will make that decision at a later date. We will deliver student computer devices on Wednesday, December 9th, with the delivery will be instructions on accessing virtual learning.

How You Can Help

Be proactive about reducing the number of interactions that students and staff have with one another by practicing physical distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Important public health prevention messages include:

- Stay home when you are sick. Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID 19 should remain at home in isolation for a minimum of 10 days plus at least 24 hours after the resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement in other symptoms.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick, and avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Wear a mask or face covering

Public Health Actions

All confirmed cases should be isolated and close contacts quarantined for 14 days from last exposure to prevent illness in new persons. "Close contact" means being a household member, intimate contact, or caregiver of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case; within 6 feet of the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes.

Please note that all information, including the name(s) of ill persons, shared regarding any Public Health investigation is confidential to protect patient privacy. For additional questions about COVID-19, please visit the <u>Pinal County Health</u> webpage. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at (520) 483-1562 or mbassett@pinalk12.org

Sincerely,

Marty Bassett